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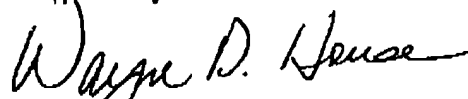
LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in
connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

1. Response to restriction requirement under 35 USC 121 (1 page)

Respectfully submitted,


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 USC 121

Dear Sir:

The following is submitted in response to the Official Action of Jan. 28, 2003. Applicants hereby request an extension of time for one month. Examiner is requested and authorized to charge the appropriate extension of time fee to Deposit Account 07-1729.

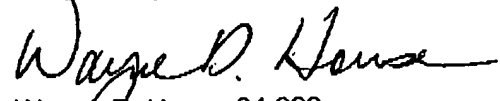
The Examiner has restricted the claims as originally filed to the following two groups:

Group I: Claims 1-42 drawn to an endoprosthesis assembly; and

Group II: Claims 43-48, drawn to an endoprosthesis assembly with balloon catheter.

Applicants elect the claims of Group I for prosecution at this time.

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